

AURICLE



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"Ring out the old, ring in the new...."
Tennyson

☆☆☆ From the President's desk...☆☆☆

Dear Colleagues,

This the first in a series of newsletters designed to keep you informed about what's happening in the Faculty of Medicine. In this and subsequent editions of the Auricle, I hope to present the more important issues that have come up at recent meetings of Faculty Council, its committees and the Medical Assembly.

1. Elections: - At the annual joint meeting of the Medical Assembly on April 7 most of the appointed positions were filled; a few remain vacant:
 - (a) Instructional Media Services Committee (Faculty Council)
 - (b) M.A.A. Representative (Assembly)
 - (c) Chief Returning Officer (Assembly)
 - (d) Self-Instructional Lab Chairman (Assembly)
 - (e) Arts and Letters Committee Chairman (Assembly)

For more information about these jobs please get in touch with me.

- I have received a number of criticisms from some first year students concerning positions: could you please put your suggestions in writing and pass them on to your class president?

2. Curriculum Review: - On March 31, Faculty Council approved the Dean's proposal for curriculum review. Basically, a task force has been created (6 staff + 1 student), promised support staff and a liberal budget, and charged with producing a revised curriculum in time for implementation in September 1976--also a tentative date for expansion of the first year class to 288 students.

That's a mighty tall order if the review is to be anything more than patchwork.

The Assembly will be setting up its own committee to study the curriculum and make recommendations to the task force. If you're interested in this, talk to your class reps.

3. Transportation: - The problem of transportation to Sunnybrook and peripheral hospitals has turned up again (how? who pays?); Dr. Steiner wants to present a Faculty position on this subject before the summer and has asked us to submit a position paper as soon as possible. This doesn't leave us much time so we're looking for people with energy and ideas to work on a committee and someone to chair it. This is important! Contact me or Dan Riegert stat!

4. Textbooks: - Yet another committee is being established to study the medical textbook situation in Toronto and make recommendations to the Assembly by the end of May. See Gerry Brosky if you want to be involved in this.

From "OMA News Review" (April 9, 1975)

TWO-YEAR INTERNSHIP: The OMA Board has approved a recommendation of the Committee on Education "that the need for a mandatory two-year internship for licensure in Ontario has not been proven, and that the two-year internship should not be mandatory at this time". The College of Physicians and Surgeons apparently has shelved the proposal pending further study.

CLERKSHIP STIPENDS

-by Bob Heath Meds III

In 1968, clerkship was introduced to replace the summer vacation and 4th year. The Ontario Government at that time started giving a \$100 per month stipend to replace summer earnings (it must also replace earnings for part-time work during the year.) The national average for clerkship stipends is \$150/mth.

The Student Section of the OMA took this matter to the Ministry via the executive and board of the OMA. The government's reply was that they were looking into it with a "Working Group on Financial Support for Clinical Clerks, Interns and Residents". This is a time-wasting sham because the interns and residents have PAIRO as their legal bargaining agent and last year settled on a method of resolving future disputes with the hospitals. That leaves the clerks high and dry.

Clerkship seems remote but those in 3rd year start in 1½ months, 2nd year in 13½ months, etc. Governments work very slowly. We would like to get a petition going and get some support for an increase on the \$1200. Watch the Auricle for further info or speak to Bob Heath, III year.

CAMERA CLUB

THE CAMERA CLUB WILL BE HAVING AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS--BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS ONLY WILL BE JUDGED, BUT COLOURED PRINTS MAY BE DISPLAYED.

FOUR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE FOUR BEST PRINTS.

BE READY TO COME AND HANG YOUR MASTERPIECES, FRIDAY, MAY NINETEEN AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE ALUMNI LOUNGE. COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

P.S. IF YOU NEED A MOUNTING PRESS, THE AAM STUDIO KINDLY WILL LET YOU USE THEIRS. 256 McCAUL STREET, OPEN FROM 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Annual MAA Banquet !!!

...from your new editor

Monday, April 21st, 1975
5:00 p.m.- Alumni Lounge
"Warm Up"
7:15 p.m.- Banquet at the
"Rib O' Beef"

Tickets \$3.00, from MAA reps

It is quite a privilege for me to be involved in your weekly newspaper for the coming year... Special credit goes to Jean Weir and Mrs. Randall for their help and support in completing this issue. Articles should be submitted by Monday to catch the Friday issue - I look forward to hearing from each one of you...

Faithfully,